

THE SUNDAY PAPER

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"Where Diversity is Celebrated" March 6, 2016

**Our Mission
is in our name:**

**Fund
Invite
Rejoice
Serve
Teach**

THE PARISH CALENDAR

TODAY, The Fourth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:15 a.m. Worship-Holy Communion/Sunday School

Installation of Church Council members

We welcome Oliver Shapiro as our guest musician today. Please welcome and thank him for sharing his talents at our service.

11:30 a.m. First Sunday BLAST!

Daylight Savings Time Begins - Clocks go ahead one hour on Saturday, March 12th. Spring Ahead!

Lenten Devotionals for adults "*Mercy, Passion, Joy*" by C. S. Lewis are available on the table in the entrance way. Also children's Lenten Sticker Book and Stand-up Centerpiece "*Upon This Tree*" by David Mead. Our confirmands received "*Lent is Trending*".

First Sunday BLAST!

— Today - March 6th —

A Pot-Luck Breakfast following the

10:15 a.m. Worship

**for adults/children (members and
non-members)**

Free will offering

Today expect to see:

- special music at the 10:15 a.m. service -
Oliver Shapiro, cello

•a special Stewardship project - ***Feed a Refugee Family***. For the first time in the post-World War II era, the number of refugees exceeds 50 million people worldwide. Lutherans are known for their stellar work in providing shelter and support to refugees - managing some of the biggest refugee camps in the world. After a long and dangerous journey to safety, **food and water are critical to help families recover their strength and prepare for a fresh start.** Through the ELCA

Good Gifts Program \$50 can feed a refugee family for one week. Our goal is two families - \$100.

- Evangelism Emphasis: ***Fill the Church Sunday!***

Fund (*Fellowship and Stewardship*)

Church Council members will be installed today at the 10:15 a.m. worship: Terry Benesh, Earl Hogan, Lois Kummer, Robert Steins and Peter Susling. Copies of the annual report are available on the table in the entrance way.

The Twenty Ninth Annual New Jersey Synod, ELCA Assembly is scheduled for **Friday-Saturday, May 6th - 7th** at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa, Long Branch, NJ. The assembly begins on Friday afternoon and ends by Saturday afternoon. We need two voting members to accompany Pastor Will. The cost of the assembly is paid for by the church and the office will make all the arrangements. The annual assembly is an opportunity to come together with other NJ Lutherans to share mission, ministry and community as the NJ Synod of the ELCA. Call the church office or speak to Pastor Will if you are interested.

Please remember First Lutheran in your will!

in 2004, Frances Johnson did!

in 2005, Dorothea Corwin did!

in 2005, Bill Geyer did!

in 2007, Henry Martin did!

in 2008, Fred Amundson did!

in 2011 Hildegard Schneider did!

in 2014 June Wizda did!

in 2014 Matilda Motiska did!

In 2014 Larry Doring did!

2015 Bobbie McMillan did!

In 2016, will you?

Upcoming - Easter Sunday, March 27th - Coffee hour between the two services at 9:00 a.m. Join us in the Gathering area after the 8:00 and before the 10:15

for coffee/tea/juice, bagels/cake.

Invite *(Evangelism)*

If you are visiting today, our family extends a heartfelt welcome and please join us again. Please sign our "guest book."

Rejoice *(Worship, Music and Arts)*

Sanctuary Paintings

The displayed paintings and sculpture piece are works done by our own Sean Mullins. Sean recently graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design. These pieces were a part of a project Sean created on the theme of the cross in the fall of 2012. We thank Sean for this addition to our Lenten solemnities.

Worship in Lent. Due to the solemn nature of the season of Lent we make several changes in our liturgy and sanctuary:

† The live flowers are replaced with the dried flower arrangements and grape vine wreaths.

† The service music is solemn and in minor keys.

† The crosses are veiled reminding us of how our sinful nature obstructs our view of God.

† The gold candlesticks at the altar and pulpit are removed and replaced with simple votive candles.

† The silver chalice is replaced with the crystal chalice. We hope that the more austere setting aids in your Lenten denial and devotion.

Our Organ Recital and 120th Anniversary Celebration seems like so long ago. **We have DVD's available of the Organ Recital Service.** If you are interested in a copy please see Pastor Will or leave a message at the church office. DVD's are \$10.00.

A flower chart for 2016 is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance way. This is how we have flowers by the altar each week. Please choose a date and fill in your name. There is no limit to the number of people who can sign up for a Sunday. Cost of flowers is \$35; all money will be put into the flower fund. The flower fund also helps with the cost of special occasion flowers like Easter and Christmas. You will receive a call from the office the week you are signed up for to find out what you want said in the bulletin – in honor of/in memory of/on the occasion of – many options.

EASTER is still a few weeks away, but we need to order **Easter Plants**. You have several options. Please use the yellow sheet found in the bulletin today. The deadline next **Sunday, March 13th**. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran Church and leave in the offering plate or in the church office. Names will be

listed in the Easter bulletins.

Serve *(Social Ministry)*

We collect for our friends at **The Human Needs Food Pantry in Montclair** which is located at 9 Label Street. Their diverse client base includes the elderly, the disabled, the unemployed and under employed, single parents, the homeless and homebound as well as others with food insecurities. Their clients are residents of Montclair and 11 surrounding communities in Essex County with no existing food pantries. Items to bring:

- .soup (canned or dried)
- .rice, noodles, macaroni, beans (canned/dried)
- .canned vegetables/canned fruit
- .spaghetti sauce
- .coffee (instant) and tea (regular/decaf)
- .peanut butter and jelly
- .powdered or evaporated milk
- .meat/fish (canned/requires no refrigeration)
- .jello/pudding mixes
- .handled paper grocery bags
- .paper products (towels/toilet paper/napkins)
- .baby items (baby food/diapers/pull-ups/wipes/new bottles/pacifiers)
- .dog and cat food and treats
- .travel and full size toiletries/soap/deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrushes/feminine supplies
- .cooking oil
- .cleaning supplies
- .feminine hygiene products
- .batteries

(in unopened packaging and check expiration dates)

Bring to the gathering area bench (by the elevator)

Teach *(Education)*

Our **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** led by Mark Bloom continues today **at 9:00 a.m.** All are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today with our One Room Sunday School. Students first gather at the 10:15 a.m. service with their parents. Children are dismissed after the children's Sermon and gather for Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall. **Sunday School is for youth ages 3 through 6th grade.**

Our first year confirmands (7th & 8th graders) meet the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (not every other week) from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Our Youth Club meets the 2nd Sunday of the month after confirmation at 5:00.

The next meeting is Sunday, March 13th.